#### MINUTES

# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

00:00:00

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES, on January 18, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)

Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. John Balyeat (R)

Rep. Norma Bixby (D)

Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)

Rep. Margarett H. Campbell (D)

Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)

Rep. Tom Facey (D)

Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)

Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)

Rep. Carol Lambert (R)

Rep. Jim Peterson (R)

Rep. Holly Raser (D)

Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)

Rep. Scott Sales (R)

Rep. Bill Warden (R)

Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

## Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 221, 1/7/2005; HB 276,

1/13/2005; HB 283, 1/13/2005

Executive Action:

#### HEARING ON HB 221

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:31 **REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9,** opened the hearing on HB 221, Elderly homeowner property tax limit.

EXHIBIT (tah13a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

## Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:18 Julie Dolan, Montana Association of Realtors

EXHIBIT (tah13a02)

#### Informational Testimony:

00:12:24 Randy Wilke, Department of Revenue

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:03	REP. ROSS
00:19:23	REP. FACEY
00:21:01	REP. LAMBERT
00:23:08	REP. GROESBECK
00:30:03	CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
00:34:43	REP. ROSS

#### Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:45 **REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9,** closed the hearing on HB 221.

## HEARING ON HB 283

## Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:33 **REP. MIKE JOPEK (D), HD 4,** opened the hearing on HB 283, Revise local firefighter disability and pension funding.

## Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:06 Michael J. Eve, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Whitefish

EXHIBIT (tah13a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

# Informational Testimony: None.

## Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:39	REP.	McALP	ΙN
00:44:23	VICE	CHAIR	LAKE
00:45:22	REP.	LAMBE	RT
00:46:52	REP.	ROSS	
00:49:03	VICE	CHAIR	LAKE

## Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:03	<b>REP. MIKE JO</b> HB 283.	PEK (D), HI	4,	closed	the	hearing	on
00:51:02 01:04:02	Break Resume						

#### HEARING ON HB 276

## Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:09	REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82, opened the hearing
	on HB 276, Property tax surtax on certain
	residences for state emergency services.

## Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:48	Gene	Fenderson,	Montana	Progressive	Labor	Caucus
01:12:13	REP.	WISEMAN				

# Opponents' Testimony:

01:14:10 Glenn Oppel, Government Affairs Director, Montana Association of Realtors

## EXHIBIT (tah13a04)

## Informational Testimony:

01:18:53	Randy Wilke, Department of Revenue
01:23:11	Ronda Carpenter-Wiggers, Montana County
	Treasurers' Association (also speaking for L.
	Harold Blattie of the Montana Association of
	Counties & Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers
	Association)

## Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:18	REP. BUTCHER
01:27:50	REP. PETERSON
01:29:01	REP. ROSS
01:30:58	REP. WARDEN
01:32:27	REP. HIMMELBERGER
01:33:43	REP. McALPIN
01:34:15	REP. BUTCHER
01:36:54	CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
01:38:22	REP. BUTCHER

# Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:44 REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82, closed the hearing on HB 276.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

01:45:23

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (tah13aad0.PDF)